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INDUSTRIAL WORKERS UNDER SURVEILLANCE

POLITICAL ATTITUDE NOTED ON CARDS -- New York Riportok Es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 15 Jul 50 -

The system of surveillance introduced in the Hungarian industrial plants operates as follows:

Each worker has an index file card, made up in an original and three carbon copies. One carbon copy is kept in the Trade Union Center at Fiumei Street; the second in the Office of Manpower, and the third in the respective trade union. The original is retained by the plant management.

All data and comments, such as the worker's loyalty to the Party, his propaganda activities, his participation in work competitions, etc., are noted on the original. Information derogatory to a worker's political attitude or efficiency must be sent to all three agencies holding the carbon copies of the card.

These copies are scrutinized by dyed-in-the-wool Communists. From time to time they notify the plants that there is too much derogatory information against one or another worker. Action is then started against these workers, resulting either in dismissal from the job or internment. A worker thus dismissed cannot find new employment, because all plants where he applies for work request to see his index card before hiring him.

DISCONTENT WIDESPREAD AT DIOSGYOR STEELWORKS -- New York Riportok Es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 29 Jul 50

Discontent is widespread among the workers at the Diosgyor steelworks [largest steelworks in Hungary], partly because wages have been reduced through piecework and partly because their wives are unable to buy anything at the markets.

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Rakosi went to Diosgyor to pacify the workers, but the meeting turned out to be a complete fiasco. Only a handful of workers came and Rakosi had to deliver his harangue to an audience of Party functionaries. Rakosi became angry over this demonstration and gave the workers of Diosgyor a dressing-

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